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While China floods
the United States
with its goods, one
commodity going
the other way is
Louisiana turtles,
millions of them.
It's been a long
road back for the
red-eared slider,
and the journey's
only just begun.

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Turtle Trade Coming Back



Faced with near extinction 30 years ago, turtle farming in Louisiana has made a tremendous comeback thanks to the implementation of statewide sanitary procedures.

Turtle farming hit a low ebb in 1975 when the U.S. Department of Agriculture banned domestic sales of "pet" turtles with shells less than four inches across because of the threat of salmonella infection in children.

Before the ban on baby turtles, a kid could buy a pet turtle at any Five & Dime store in the U.S. There were 75 Louisiana producers selling more than 15 million turtles a year. After 1975, more than half of the producers were out of business and



The popular red-eared slider (top); Betty Harp (above) gathers eggs on the levee, part of 1.3 million harvested at Concordia Turtle Farm each year.

production had plunged to two million annually.

Like the ancient tortoise and hare story, the race to the finish line is sometimes long and slow, but Louisiana turtle producers did not give up. In 2003, they will ship nearly 13 million of the little reptiles overseas, mainly to China, where they are sold as pets or raised to about one pound for meat, shell and medicine.

A lot of the credit for the amazing rebound goes to the late LSU microbiologist, Dr. Ron Siebeling. Siebeling developed a way to kill bacteria on turtle eggs with disinfectants and antibiotics, which in turn produces a bacteria-free baby turtle.

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry accepted Siebeling's procedure and began to certify baby turtles as salmonella free. Louisiana is the only state that regulates and licenses producers to export baby turtles. Samples from lots of 20,000 or less are sent to a state-approved laboratory and, if tested salmonella-free, are certified by the LDAF.

Today there are 72 state licensed turtle hatcheries in Louisiana that ship between 12 and 13 million turtles yearly and account for \$10 million to the state's economy.

Jesse Evans, owner of Concordia Turtle Farm, remembered Seibeling, who died in September 2002.

"Dr. Seibeling started doing research by treating the eggs with Clorox, anything he could think of without hurting the turtle," Evans said. "Unfortunately he passed away last year with his research unfinished."

Turtle producers in the state want the domestic market reopened and have been working diligently with the Louisiana Congressional delegation to that end.

"We made a trip to Washington this Spring with some of the leaders in the industry to explain the strides being made by researchers at LSU, all the while emphasizing the need for continuing funding so that the work of Dr. Seibeling will not go unfinished," Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said

In addition to Odom, also making the trip to Washington on behalf of the industry were Harvey Kleibert and Paul Hebert, members of the Louisiana Turtle Cooperative, Brian Boudreaux, a member of the Independent Turtle Farmers' Association, and Ken Landry, president of Louisiana Turtle Farmers Association.

"We went to Washington to let our Congressional delegation know that we are a very substantial, viable and growing industry," Landry said. "We expect to visit them again in the near future when we have further results from the work going on at LSII

"Ultimately we would like for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to life the ban on selling our turtles in this country," Landry said. "We feel that LSU and the research going on there is the key to our efforts. We have asked that they develop an alternate method of treating the eggs. We have seen some of their preliminary results and it looks promising. We are very encouraged so far."

"The FDA wants something other than antibiotics, because of potential bacteria resistance," said State Veterinarian Dr. Maxwell Lea. "They're concerned about re-infection."

Dr. Randy Gayda, a molecular biologist with the LSU AgCenter, is experimenting with biological agents to rid the turtles of salmonella.

"We're using specific bacteria viruses called bacteriophages," Gayda said. "We call them phages. Phages means 'to

The bacteriophages kill bacteria and they're safe for human contact.

"Phages naturally occur in the environment and we want to see which ones work on specific bacteria," Gayda said.

Dr. Mark Mitchell of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine said, although the FDA has a zero tolerance policy on pet turtles, it regularly allows the importation of reptiles into the U.S.

"Currently nine million reptiles are imported into the country each year without restrictions or quarantines," Mitchell said. "Reptile husbandry and reptile medicine have changed since the 70s."

There is still a pet market for the larger turtles in the U.S., Mitchell said, especially for urban dwellers who want to have a pet, but aren't able to have a dog or cat.

Growers understand this and are experimenting growing turtles to four inches and larger, but if FDA baby turtle restrictions are lifted, the turtle industry could provide an "economic windfall" for Louisiana, Mitchell said.

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A mama turtle can live for 40 or 50 years and lay a thousand eggs in her lifetime. Concordia Turtle Farm produces 1.3 million hatchlings every year.

Concordia farmer started in turtles as a toddler

Chances are if you were hiking near a lake, pond or bayou during the months of May, June and July you might have encountered a turtle or two on your trail. The turtle wasn't misplaced or lost; it most likely was laying one of several batches or "clutches" of eggs. It is an annual rite of

But in a farmed setting, more than 70 licensed turtle farmers harvest turtle eggs and Louisiana has become the leader in turtle research, production and export.

The whole process seems fairly simple. Farmers build ponds and stock them with red ear, Cumberland sliders or other commercial species. Mama turtles leave the water and lay eggs on the pond levees and farmers dig the eggs up the next day to incubate them. When baby turtles hatch in 60 days they are shipped out to overseas markets, mainly China.

Jesse Evans of Wildsville in Concordia Parish knows turtles. He's been fooling with them for more than 60 years.

"I've been doing it all my life," says the 65-year old Evans. "Ever since I was a toddler and I couldn't get in the boat. I'd run along the drainage ditches in Jonesville and dig the turtles out."

Today, Evans has turned his love for the hard-shelled creatures into a 13-pond facility that will process more than 1.3 million turtle eggs in a season.

Adjacent to his 13 one-acre ponds, is Evans' processing facility, a large, metal, barn-like structure that houses the sterilization equipment, hatchery and shipping dock.

It is in this environment that the eggs are cleansed, processed with the Siebeling

decontamination method and placed in plastic hatching racks. From there, the racks are stacked twelve high and two deep in three 80-degree hatching rooms. Once hatched, they are removed and packed by the hundreds into corrugated waxed shipping boxes.

Across the way from the hatching barn is the spacious modern office Jesse and his son Davey use to conduct their daily busi-

A 30-foot feed tower filled with turtle chow stands like a sentinel next to the equipment barn.

Perhaps befitting the turtle's legendary slow nature, egg harvesting does not start at the crack of dawn. Evans said they allow the females, which hold a 3 to 1 population edge over the male turtles, the early part of the morning to come out of the water and lay their eggs on top of the pond levees.

At 10 a.m., after most of the mothers are finished laying, Evans and two crews begin their daily levee patrol searching for egg

nests. The banks of the ponds are purposely paved with concrete to force the mothers to the top of the dike where corrugated tin 'tepees' are haphazardly

placed. The tepees provide cover and gently coax her into thinking she is laying her eggs in a secure place.

Most turtles have completed their egg laying by 11 a.m., but one or two stragglers are uncovered when the tin shelters are moved. Evans grabs one such mother turtle and holds her, bottom shell up.

"She's probably about 40 or 50 years old because you can't really tell anything about the design on her stomach because it is all matted up," Evans said.

He points out that the female has short claws and a little tail. He explains her egglaying technique.

"She will dig a hole out with each of her back feet and then lay an egg and place it on one side of the hole and then lay another and use the other foot to place it on the opposite side of the hole," Evans said. "She lays about ten and then she will take the dirt from the hole and place it back on top and wet it and make a kind of a cake on top.

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A hatchling can live off its yolk for months during development (top, left to right). Evans' crew works the levees in the heat of the day gathering eggs from under the tin "tepees." Baby turtles hatch in an 80-degree room. Jesse Evans with 40-year-old red slider. Davey Evans readies shipment of live turtles (left, clockwise). Avis Forrest culls sterilized eggs. Charles Harris lowers turtle eggs into sterilizing solution as Laniece Coleman prepares eggs for egg washer.







Turtle, tortoise or terrapin?

Which came first? The tortoise, turtle or terra-

Turtle is the generic name for the group of reptiles that includes tortoises and terrapins.

A prehistoric animal, turtles are divided into two major groups: sea turtles and fresh-water turtles.

Fresh-water turtles that live predominantly on land are tortoises.

The Cambridge Dictionary of American English, Merriam-Webster's, and the American Heritage dictionaries all agree on the tortoise issue.

Additionally, they also identify a tortoise as someone or something who is slow moving.

That's why the hare challenged the tortoise, and not the turtle, to a race. The over-confident hare knew he could beat a slow tortoise in a foot race.

A plain old garden-variety turtle lives on land and in fresh-water. When it's in the water it's real nimble. Just drive by any swamp and see. That little red-eared slider can really scoot in the bayou.

So the old fable to illustrate that slow-and-See Which is it?, page 8





CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pasturient or post pasturient animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-

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Reg. 2 yr. blk. Angus bull, calves to show, DHD Traveler bloodlines, ready for heavy service, gentle, super EPD's, \$1200. Kyle Hebert, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-5474.

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Reg. Holstein cow, daughter of Tesk, \$700. L. Champagne, Cut Off; (985) 632-3389.

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Nice polled comm. heifer, born 4/12/03, red, smooth lines, very feminine, out of '99 Central District champ. Limousin bull, mother is Angus, \$500. J. Odom, Leesville; (337) 238-0224.

(8) Reg. Angus heifers, 7-14 mos., from cert. brucellosis free herd, \$4750/all; reg. Angus bull, 20 mos., very gentle, pasture raised, from cert. free herd, \$1200, also yrlg. bulls avail. Albert Roger, Sr., Carencro; (337) 896-6314.

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Reg. QH, pal., paints & more, mares & ponies, \$800/1-up. Kent Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 523-4146.

(3) Horses & 4-horse trailer, package deal, (1) 13 yr. bay geld., well seasoned, (1) 13 yr. pal. mare, (1) yrlg. pal. paint, \$5000/all. Blanche LeBlanc, Charenton; (337) 924-8125.

QH geld., blk., 16 yrs., very calm, trims, clips, loads easy, excel. kid's horse, \$1000 obo. Gerald Minor, Marrero; (504) 628-4534.

Paint, world champ. trail horse, 12 ROM's, including halter, Western Pleasure, HUS, showmanship & WR, \$25,000. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

2002 Reg. App. stallion, show quality, great pedigree, good conform., \$1500; '02 blk. w/wh. blanket, reg. App. stallion, \$1500. C. J. Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

AQHA geld., Puddenhead, shown district & state, great disp., 6 mos. pro training, \$3500; reg. paint mare, 4-H shown, overo, \$2000; mini stallion, 3 mos., \$400; 3 mo. paint, QH breeding, \$1000. Melissa Henry, Patterson; (985) 395-6015.

Reg. TW & racking wean., sorrel w/star, pal., sire & dam has WGC top & bottom, \$1500; reg. 2 yr. sorrel, just starting under saddle, Generator blood, \$2500. Darin Burge, Walker; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 353-8138.

1999 AQHA sorrel mare, all around prospect, super handle, \$3500. Lisa Topham, Patterson; (985) 399-6879.

11 Yr. mare, Opelousas, cream color, w/reddish-brown spots, very friendly, rides well, great w/children, (2) saddles included, \$1500/all. Steven Fank, Abita Springs; (985) 867-9744.

2001 APHA filly, gentle, beautiful & intelligent, 50 days pro training, cutting prospect, Colonel Freckles, Peppy San Badger, Poco Tivio breeding, \$1800. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

Reg. TWHBEA, 4 yr. mare, parades, trail horse, great temperament, \$2000. Jackie Loraso, St. James; (225) 265-7358.

AQHA mares & colts, by Snorty Lena, Dulces Peppy, Doc Sugs, Sonita's Last, Tenino San bloodlines, \$1500/1-up. Charles Champagne, Cut Off; www.geocities.com/cmc70345 or (985) 632-3389.

2001 APHC brown filly, out of own daughter of Alias King, sire of Dreamfinder, by AQHA blk. stallion, both parents avail. for viewing, stocky build, excel. disp., \$900, no checks. Randy Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

2000 AQHA gray mare, w/blk. points, Conclusive bred, green broke, heavy boned, \$1200, no checks. John Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

6 Yr. AQHA blk. stallion, 15.1 hands, 1100 lbs., broke to ride, very easy breeder & good disp., Ima Cool Skip & Boston Mac bloodlines, get on site for viewing, \$4550, firm. J. Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

AQHA 3 yr. geld., easy keeper & loader, good handle, started on cattle, \$1800, or trade for cattle of same value. Shawn Simon, Jennings; (337) 824-0386.

Yrlgs., Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

AQHA proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, 1-3 yrs., out of Blondy's Dude mares, all horses microchipped, \$750/1-up. David Perkins, Braithwaite; (504) 682-2467.

1995 Young Gun geld., good handle, light turn back use, excel. penning/sorting prospect, sound, easy keeper, smart, good for any rider, \$3000. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Reg. QH mare, 15 yrs., sired by Page Steel, broke & gentle, great broodmare, w/foals to show, \$800; top filly wean. foal, line bred, Lee's Page Boy, out of above mare, \$1000. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA weans. & yrlgs., stud colts, & fillies, \$1200/1-up. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

Reg. TW 10 yr. blk. mare, w/beautiful 3 mo. brown/wh. tobiano colt, mare is trained to ride,

all shots up to date, \$3800/both. Donna Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

Reg. TW gray 14 yr. geld., very well trained, very smooth, but spirited, English rein, 16 hands, stocky horse, \$2900. Rick Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

2003 Reg. TW brown/wh. tobiano colt, beautiful markings, should mature to be tall & stocky, \$2000. Mark Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

2003 Reg. TW tri-colored colt, w/4-wh. stocking & star, dam & sire both 17 hands, should mature to be very tall, grandfather is WGC "The Touch," \$2500. Rachel Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

Gaited '02 APHA reg. solid sorrel stud, \$1500; '03 APHA reg. tob/overo filly, w/blue eyes, both colts are very strong & good lookers, Sky Bar Leo, Skip A Star, Colonel Freckles bloodlines, \$2500. Vernon Tassin, Lake Charles; (337) 708-7103 or (337) 217-0445.

Reg. pb Arabians at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2+ hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

Reg. pb Arabian stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barish de Washoe bloodlines, \$500 down & up. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

APHA 5 yr. blk. breeding stock mare, extremely sweet & gentle, anyone can ride, great trail rider & started on cattle sorting, \$2000. N. Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

AQHA 4 yr. line back, red dun geld., big, flashy & gentle, foundation bloodlines, trail riding & started on cattle sorting, \$3000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

APHA reg. paint mare, 6 yrs., \$1800; sorrel geld., 5 yrs., \$1200, or trade for Wells Cargo trailer, 16'-20'. Ferall Venable, Scott; (337) 235-7316.

Pb Arabian geld., roan, 4 yrs., started on cows, broke to ride, \$3000. Linda Helo, Crowley; (337) 788-4002.

Pal. colt, \$600; chestnut filly, ¼ Belgian, \$800; (3) reg. spotted Draft mares, all are blk./wh. tobiano, \$1500/1-up; reg. Belgian mare, 17.3 hands, 2000 lbs., show quality, drives & rides, \$4000. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

AQHA 4 yr. gray Hancock bred stud, \$1500. Ron Crager, Mansfield; (318) 872-3083.

APHA paint geld., 6 yrs., broke, used on cattle, experienced riders only, \$2000. Mike Diehl, Opelousas; (337) 942-8702.

1995 Flashy sorrel geld., great disp., kid's horse, trail riding, no bad habits, fast on barrels, w/experienced rider, \$3500, firm. Jane or Sarah Smiley, Zachary; (225) 261-6452 or (225) 572-0849.

Son of Shining Sneakers, NRHA money earner by Shining Spark, dam is Peppy San & Royal King bred, \$2500. Brian Johnson, St. Landry; Web site: www.QHD.com,

1995 QH red dun mare, Impressive bred, exper. in barrels & poles, very fast, excel. trail horse, exper. rider needed, \$2000; '00 AQHA bay filly, Leo bred, green broke, very gentle, will make excel. child's or beginner's horse,

(318) 838-2919 or (318) 447-2919.

1986 AQHA dun geld., w/buck-skin markings, beautiful color & conform., grandson of Wonder Seeker, great trail horse, \$2000. K. Francis, Folsom; (985) 796-5085.

used on trail rides, \$2000. Kristy

Francis, Folsom; (985) 796-5085.

Ranch geld., 10 yrs., line back dun, JA ranch branded, 5 yrs. of ranch use, ropes & sorts, solid allaround horse, QH no papers, \$2975. S. Gardner, Sunset; (337)

Pole horse & barrels, 21's on poles, high 2-D on barrels, super quick & consistent, great for high school, \$7950. Ben Taunton, Jonesville; (318) 386-7825.

Welch pony, 4 mos., \$400. Anthony LaFleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4937.

AQHA 5 yr. geld., Peppy San Badger, Doc's All Around breeding, 15 ½ hands, bay color, will consider trade for gaited horse or bred heifers or \$2500. Paxton McCoy, Bunkie; (318) 346-4423.

2 Yr. gray QH geld., gentle & easy to ride, \$600. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

2003 Colts, (1) blk./wh. paint, \$500; (1) blk. TW., \$400; (1) blk. QH, \$400. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

5 Yr. reg. QH geld., very well built, \$1200. Roland Veillon, Ville Platte: (337) 363-1296.

Reg. AQHA mare, 22 yrs., winning barrel horse, solid, sound & automatic, 14.2 hands, \$2000; 6 yr. reg. APHA geld., red/wh., 15.2 hands, pro started on barrels & poles, gentle, \$2500. Nancy Cooper, Longville; (337) 725-3443.

2002 AQHA reg. dark pal. stud, out of King Leo Bar Rebel, Ute Pudden, Pudden's Luck, Don War Leo, Docs Paula Skip, very gentle & halter broke, great conform. & handled regularly, \$3000. Melissa Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Sell out on reg. TW solid colored mares & stallions, mares all in foal to homozygous stallion & TW weans. & yrlgs. for sale, all colors, \$700/1-up. Jim Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Performance horses for sale, finished team roping & barrel geld., \$2500-\$8500., also wean. & yrlg. AQHA & APHA colts, all colors. Kim Howell, Hineston; (318) 793-8587.

AMHR miniature horses, \$400/up; 5 yr. bay mare, 15 hands, spirited, not for children, only experienced riders, \$500. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com, cynthiabritton@yahoo.com or (225) 658-9293.

Pony geld., 38", very gentle, shown by a 4 yr., does halter, showmanship, barrels & poles & trail rides, beginner's pony, \$1000. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

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Head, Peppy San Badger, JB Cody breeding, few pal., cow horse types w/speed, (1) yrlg. geld., \$950-\$2500/1. F. Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

AQHA Skipper W bred mare, gentle trail horse, good for kid or beginner, 1983, bred to pal. JB Cody AQHA stud, \$650. K. Allain, Sunset; (337) 668-4040.

10 Yr. reg. true blk./wh. tobiano, TWHBEA, SSHBEA, RHBAOA stallion, 50/50 markings, 15.2 hands, gentle & smooth gaited, pleasure riding or breeding, \$2500. Jack Johnson, Marksville; (318) 253-8981.

Reg. TWHBEA mares, blk., sorrel, blue roan, strawberry roan, some broke to ride & some in foal, \$1000/1-up. La Juan Johnson, Marksville; (318) 253-8981.

2002 APHA homozygous stallion, sire Texan Bar Time, dam Skippas Freckles, this yrlg. is already 15 hands & extremely gentle, English or pleasure prospect, \$3500. Mary Vallot, Youngsville; (337) 856-4792.

2001 Reg. APHA bay tob/overo mare, bred to blk. APHA homozygous stallion, this Leo & Impressive mare very big for her age, \$1450. George Vallot, Youngsville; (337) 856-4792.

2001 AQHA pal. filly, out of Dry Pudden Doc & Sana La Bar, Wimpy Flicka, great disp., started under saddle, \$3500 obo. Monte Moncrieff, Springfield; (225) 294-2529.

2003 Sorrel filly, dame Palomas Right x Right this Minnick, sire Andabar Jr. x Dudes Second Phase x Blond's Dude, \$4500. Sandy Treme, DeQuincy; (337) 786-8496.

16 Yr. calf roping/breakaway mare, '98 AQHA breakaway youth world champ., anyone can ride, \$6000. Robbie Averett, Holden; (225) 209-9659.

AQHA '03, Zip Chocolate Delite, dark chestnut filly, imprinted at birth, handled daily, outstanding bloodline, Page Steel, Aguila Baron, Chocolate Convoy, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar & others, will consider trade for AQHA mare, \$2000. Jim Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

Wanted: white or spotted donkey Jack and/or Jenny reasonably priced, within 75 miles. Nelson Wiltz, Breaux Bridge; (337) 228-7288.

STALLION SERVICE

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA 16 hands, blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; horsinaround@eatel.net or (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

Homozygous APHA blk./wh. stallion Skip-N-King, homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, reg. mares, \$350; grade mares, \$250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

APHA homozygous blk./wh. stallion, '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, guaranteed paint, good conform., \$250/\$5 mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

3 Yr. reg. QH paint stallion, bay/wh. tobiano, Shonie T-Bar, Pompey Super Speck, Tinky Sugar Bar, Grease Bar bloodline, \$200/reg. mare; \$150/unreg. mare, \$5 mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217 or (337) 826-4519.

APHA homozygous blk./wh. stallion, '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, guaranteed paint, good conform., \$250/\$5 mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

SHEEP & GOATS

Boer goats, males, various ages, \$75/1-up. R. Laborde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Male pygmy goat, 3 yrs., blk./wh., for meat or breeding, \$50. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

100% Boer billies, papers on request, \$125/1-up. Norris Deville, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7000.

Miniature goats, NDGA & unreg. Nigerian dwarf goats \$100/1. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

NDGA reg. Nigerian dwarf goats, polled buckling, born 7/5/03, \$100. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Pb Boer goats & percentage goats, all ages, \$100/1-up. Kent Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 523-4146.

Dorper, katahdin & Barbados, bucks, ewes & lambs, \$40/1-up. Paul Reyenga, Shreveport; (318) 929-3380.

Fb IBGA boer goats, reg. (2) billies, (2) does, born 3/03 & (2) nannies, Stones Martin 7E & Mago bloodline, \$250/1-up. Murphy Stelly, Carencro; (337) 896-6016.

Pygmy males, several to choose from, very small, \$45/1. Ronnie Saccaro, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3832 or (225) 261-6097.

Fb (2) young does & (1) buck, 6 mos., doe, \$350; 4 mos., doe, \$250; 6 mos. buck, \$250, all correct color. Earl LaFleur, Basile; (337) 789-3316.

3/4 Boer bucks, \$45/1. Chad Campbell, Baker; (225) 774-5335.

Male pygmy goat, \$50. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville; (225) 622-4770.

Boer cross show wethers, \$50/1; Reg. blk. headed boer billy, \$250. Samuel Andrus, Eunice; Web site: www.andrusboergoats.com, (337) 457-5102

Wanted: blue (grey) & blk./wh fb Nubian, Alpine and/or Toggenburg nannies & billy w/o horns, do not need papers. Rhonda & Jimmy Strain, Bush; (985) 886-1969 or (985) 510-9003 or (985) 774-3652.

Wanted: 3 or 4 wh. Katahdin ewes, pb, healthy & reasonably priced, within 90 miles. Allie Johnson, Simpson; (337) 383-7777.

Wanted: young Suffolk ram born Jan.-Mar. of '03, must be pb but no 4-H stock required. Larry Devillier, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-2480.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

Blue heeler pups, out of working stock, born 8/11/03; (5) females, (2) males, \$75/1. Cody Goodner, Sulphur; (337) 558-5106.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 5/3/03, off of proven working stock, \$100-\$150.Mona Williams, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 665-8680.

(3) **Fb Australian** Shepherd pups, no papers, tri colored, born 6/15/03, had first shots (2) females, (1) male, \$50/1. Brandon Passman, Franklinton; (985) 795-9652.

Australian Shepherd pups, blk. & red tri's, \$300. Diane Bardwell, Ethel; (225) 683-7033.

Pb blue heeler pups, out of working stock, good colors, \$75/1. L. Moreau, Opelousas; (337) 948-1005.

Reg. blue heeler pups, shots & wormed, out of working stock, born 8/7/03, \$120/1. Charles Bell, Franklinton: (985) 839-9222.

Great Pyrenees, males & females, 6 wks., animal yard dogs, \$75/1. John Rose, Rapides; (318) 445-9166.

La. reg. Catahoula pups, born 7/12/03, \$100-\$150. Steven Touchet, Rayne; (337) 581-7646.

Reg. Border collie pups, very playful, most have full wh. collar, great for children or to work on cattle, \$200. Stephanie LeBlanc, Walker; (225) 665-4895 or (225) 938-3544.

CKC Jack Russell terrier pups, short legged, smooth coat, \$350. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

AKC Lab puppies, blk. & yellow, excel. hunting pedigree, hips & eyes certified, born 6/18, \$200-\$300. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012

Rat terrier pups, good farm dogs or pets, males & females, blk./wh., fb, excel. for varmints, \$75/1. Kenneth Racca, Sulphur; (337) 527-9296 or (337) 625-3095.

Blue heeler pups, (3) males & (3) females, from good cow-dog stock, \$75/1. Mary Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6036.

SWINE

Feeder/Weanling pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn fed on concrete, \$35/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

#1 Slaughter hogs & feeder hogs, grain fed, \$35/1-up; baby pot-bellied pigs, \$30. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

Pigs, red wattle, boers & sows, \$25/1-up. Chad Campbell, Baker; (225) 774-5335.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Pacific parrolets, breeding pr., w/cage, \$300; diamond doves, \$20-\$30. Ron LaPlace, Erath; (337) 937-5761.

Ringneck doves, spotted, \$7.5-\$10/1; pr. peacocks, laying, 2 yrs., \$150/1. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

Ringneck dove normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Canaries, from award winning line, Gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$60/1; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Homemade incubator, \$75; Sears incubator, \$75. Patrick Thibodeaux, Church Point; (337)

Orange-faced lovebirds, lutinos, normals, olives, cinn., \$25-\$60/1. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

B & G macaw, 3 yrs., w/cage, \$1000; Amazon, 3 yrs., w/cage, \$300; (2) Nandy conures, 3 ½ yrs., w/cage, \$300. D. A. Deshotel, Jennings; (337) 824-7530.

Friendly hf parrolet & cockatiel babies, blue & green parrolets, \$135-\$250; lutino & gray cockatiels, \$40-\$70. Melanie Vandersypen, Pineville; (318) 640-0748.

Mated pr. of cockatiels, male pied & female pearl, w/cage, \$125. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415

Diamond doves, blue-wh. tails, silver-wh. tails, yellow, cinn.-wh. tails, yellow-wh. tails, red, all closed banded, will ship, \$20/1-up. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Indian ringneck parakeets, green/blue, \$55/1; '02 hatch, turquoise male, \$150/1; violet-dark green, \$1000/1; violets, \$2000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Ringneck doves, proven prs., \$20/1-up. J. Roy Bernard, Carencro; (337) 896-8619.

Red jungle fowl, \$10. Warren Treadaway, Prairieville; (225) 622-4770

Wanted: young pr. wh. mute swans, (2) female orange weaver finches, (1) pr. lady gould finches, black-head or blues & different types of water fowl. Johnny McMorris, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8855.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Blk. sex-link hens, 11 mos., laying jumbo eggs everyday, \$7/1; wild Brazilian muscovy ducks, \$20/1. Randall Baker, Kinder; (337) 738-2921.

Assorted chicken pullets, \$6-7/1; assorted bantam B.B. red blk. Japanese, blk.-tail Japanese, pure,

\$10; pr. muscovy, ½ grown, \$5; 15 yd. rooster \$4; will dress 6-8 lbs., if all taken, all healthy. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Pheasants, silver & lady Amhurst, mature breeders, \$25/1; ringneck breeders, \$20/1. Mike, Greenwell Springs; (225) 933-6515.

Baby chicks, \$1.25/1; pullets, \$3/1; silkies, \$4/1; Peking ducks, \$3-\$8/1; muscovy ducks, \$3-\$8/1. Gladys Oestriecher, Lacombe; (985) 882-7598 or (985) 640-7647.

Guinea, mostly light tan, 4-6 mos., \$3.50/1. Mona M. Elkins, Minden; (318) 377-7792.

Pharaoh quail eggs, \$20/100; live quails, \$1-\$2.5; dressed quail, \$25/12; pickle eggs, \$5/1 pt. Kenny Bossier, Reserve; (985) 479-3729.

(1) pr. Barnacle geese, \$125. Kenneth Fontenot, Roanoke; (337) 247-2240.

Peacocks, blue & green necks, 3 ½ mos., \$30/1. Herbert M. LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Baby muscovy ducks, \$3/1. W. Vetsch, New Orleans; (504) 482-2662

Peacock breeders, (1) pr. wh. & (1) pr. pied, \$225/pr.; young peafowl, \$250-\$500/1; pheasants, red-golden, yellow-golden & golden mutations, \$45-\$100/pr.; guineas, \$5-\$7/1. Doyle Davis, Norwood; (225) 629-5546 or (225) 774-1645.

Super large quail hatching eggs, \$25/100 plus \$12 S&H; live birds 75¢/1-up; dressed quail, \$24/12. G.R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Mallard ducks, \$10/pr.; extra hens, \$6/1. Nelson Wiltz, Breaux Bridge; (337) 228-7288.

Blk.-neck swans, male & female parent-raised, \$700. Sam Moran, Ethel; (225) 658-4914.

Red jungle fowl roosters, pb, \$10/1; silkie & JF roosters, \$6/1; flying mallard-drakes \$5-\$10/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

(2) GQF incubators, \$350/1; 1 GQF hatcher, \$250. Ken Hodges, Wakefield; (225) 635-4259 or (225) 343-1160.

(40) Miniature dark Cornish laying hens, \$7/1; (15) roosters, \$9/1. Norman Ordoneaux, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-2641.

(3) Conventional broiler houses, 11 yrs., on 8.9 acres. \$230,000. Raymond Duke, Choudrant; (318) 768-2556.

Mixed breed & crossbred chickens, \$4-\$6/1; Peking, blk. Swedish, mostly male ducks, \$7/1. Kathy Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

Mallard ducks, babies to mature flyers, \$3.5-\$8/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

Pure buff orpington hens, 3 mos., pullets, brooders, GQF incubator, hatcher, hen house, net box in back, \$4/1-up. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

Pheasants, (6) Ghigi golden, silvers, \$20/pr.; Siamese fireback, \$100/pr.; horsefield Kalij, \$65/pr. others, \$25-\$500/pr.; gray jungle fowl, \$75/pr.; java green peafowl, \$100/1. Kelly McMullan,

Princeton; (318) 949-2294

Extra fancy chickens, Polish top hat, w/x-large bonnets avail., gold, wh. blk., blk./wh., salt & pepper, young adults, \$25/1, breeding pr. also; cochen breeding prs., many colors, laying \$15/1. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

PIGEONS

Cross-F. Mondaines, giant homers, king T. pioneers, (5) prs., \$50/all. Steve Dwyer, Lacomb; (985) 727-5538.

Homing pigeons, \$4/1 or \$3/1 if (20) or more taken. Bob Martin, Pineville; (318) 640-5019.

Wanted: pb wh. king pigeons. Roy Allison, Covington; (985) 892-1400.

DEER & EXOTICS

Trophy elk, \$1000/1-up; trophy fallow, \$500/1; water buffalo, bull yrlg., \$500. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

4 yr. buck, \$2000; (4) 1 yr. bucks, \$500-\$600/1; (8) fawns, does, \$200/1; bucks, \$300/1; 6 yr. doe, \$300; 2 yr. doe, \$325. Lee Cook, Amite; (985) 748-5997.

Fallow bucks, (2) 8-points, (1) 5-point, (1) spike, \$200/1 or \$700/all. Danice Cassidy, Independence; (985) 878-4426.

(5) Head buffalo, (2) 2 yr. heifers, (1) yrlg. heifer, (2) yrlg. bulls, \$450-\$650/1 or \$2500/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Pedigree blk. silver Marten & standard rex, \$20. Gary McClure, Jackson; (225) 654-6877.

Pedigree Calif., Dutch & large mixed rabbits, all colors, meat rabbits at 8 wks., \$6/1-up. B. Landry, Baton Rouge; (225) 272-2863.

Mini lops, drawes, Dutch, breeders & males, also young rabbit cages, w/baby-saver wire, auto water, feeder, 24"x24", \$10/1. Joe LeJeune, Opelousas; (337) 948-6444.

(2) Pedigree blk. Netherland dwarf, both 11 wks., \$15/1; mini rex/Netherland dwarf mix, 7 wks., wh. & wh./brown, \$10/1. Ross Gaspard, Rayne; (337) 546-6759.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; hybrid bream, 25¢/1; coppernose bluegill, 20¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; crappie, 30¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1;

catfish, 20¢/1; hybrids, 25¢/1; carp, \$9/1; minnows, \$8/lb. del. avail. Frank Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

Bass, 60¢; bluegill & redear, 24¢; minnows, 3¢; catfish, 20¢/up; triploid grass carp, \$12. Paul Picard, Houma; (800) 820-2606.

Catfish aluminum boat & trailer, w/40 hp, oil injected Mercury motor, \$900. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

Wanted: aerator for small 1-acre pond, will trade other farm equipment for aerator. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

BEES/HONEY

Complete beekeeping operation, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

Honey for sale, \$6/qt., or \$20/gal., 3:30-7:00 p.m. weekdays, all day Sat. & Sun. Danny Head, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8510.

RURAL PROPERT<u>IES</u>

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Red River Parish, 110 acres, 3/3 home, 2269 sq./ft, barns, improved pastures, ponds, spring-fed creeks, light timber, fenced, can be divided, \$220,000. David Williams, Ringgold; (318) 932-4482.

10 Acres, located 4 miles east of Eunice, \$5500/acre. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; (337) 665-4413.

Mini ranch, Acadia Parish, 101+ acres, fenced & cross fenced, frame house, c/a/h, double garage, steel barn, 30x40 working pen, 4" water well, submerged pump, old home site, w/5 large live oaks, \$300,000. D. Rasberry, Basile; (337) 824-4117.

FARM SERVICES

Protect your investment & your friend, freeze branding now avail., ID that is humane & visible year round, \$45. Kim Ballard, Cade; (337) 3443171.

Full horse boarding, Opelousas area, current neg. coggins required, also horses need to be up to date on all shots, \$400/month, includes feed, hay, farrier, stall w/bedding, wormer & turnout, does not include vet. Gary or Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

We buy, sell, train & board horses and give lessons. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

Seven Star stables, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Gourds, large birdhouse, dipper & cushaw, crookneck, green stripe, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, La., 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Red bird of paradise, \$10/1; rose of Montana vine, \$8/1; lilly of the Nile, \$6/1; new Texas red star, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles 70601; (337) 478-7075.

New crop Dutch hybrid amaryllis seeds, DK red, pink & wh, \$2/20 seeds w/SASE. Arthur Becnel, 14123 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037; (504) 656-2424.

Wanted: Vetiver plants. Frank Smith, Lecompte; (318) 445-3626.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Pecan trees, Elliott & Sumner, 2 yrs., 10-gal., \$30/1; cypress & river birch 3-gal., \$6/1. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 8 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-

Oak trees, \$5/1-up; chinaberry trees, \$5-\$12/1; Celeste, green ishia & honey dew figs, \$6/1; pomegranate, \$8/1; peach trees, \$5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also red mulberry, crabapple, Chickasaw plum, Catalpa, native magnolia, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Southern magnolia, \$4-\$10; celeste & brown turkey fig, \$10/3-gal.; Japanese plum, Japanese yew, \$8/3-gal.; dwarf pomegranate, \$8/3-gal.; red amaryllis, \$2-\$8, by size. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

FERTILIZER

Horse manure, good for gardens, \$1/all, you load. Linda Helo, Crowley; (337) 788-4002.

HAY & GRAIN

Hay for sale, \$18/1. Cody Goodner, Sulphur; (337) 558-5106.

Alicia/Bahia rd. bales, \$28/1, hauling avail. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bellsouth.net or (318) 576-9913 or (318) 471-9273.

Jiggs & Bahia, 5x5 rd. bales, fert. & cured w/o rain, \$17-\$20, quantity discounts avail. Miles Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-2270.

2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.5/bale, in barn; \$4-\$4.5/bale delivered, but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20 for Bahia; \$30 for Jiggs, del. \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Fert. Jiggs Bermuda hay, rd. bales, \$15/1; sq. baling approx. 9/20/03, sq. bales, \$2.75, in field; sq. bales, \$3.5, in barn. E. J. Littleton, Lecompte; (318) 776-5379.

Fertilized, condition cut, 4x5 rd. bales, Alicia, Bahia, \$20/1. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989

Bermuda 4x5 rd. bales, fertilized, \$25/1. Zan Dupre, Eunice; (337) 457-2716.

4x5 Rd. bales of Bahia hay, well fertilized & cured w/o rain, \$25/1, in barn. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Bahia hay, 6x5 rd. bales, \$20/1, in field; \$25/1, in barn. Mike Patanella, Independence; (985) 878-9765 or (985) 687-5030.

Fertilized Bahia horse hay, sq. bales, \$2.5/1. Henry Blount, Jr., Holden; (225) 777-4376.

2003 Bahia, fertilized, 4x4 rd. bales, \$14/1. Gene Gunter, Elmer; (318) 659-4371.

2003 Rice straw, 4x5 bales, will load, \$10/1; will deliver, \$15/1. Ricky Fontenot; (337) 224-5632.

Rd. bales Bahia, cut 8/03, \$20/1. John Shipman, Wilmer; (985) 748-7444

Quality Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, highly fertilized, weed free, \$3.6/1, in barn. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (504) 446-0234 or (504) 447-6100.

2003 Bahia hay, good quality sq. bales, \$3/1, in barn, you load. Clifton Wascom, Loranger; (985) 878-6878

Mixed grass hay, '03 baled, 5x6 bales, \$25/1; rice straw, \$20/1. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895

6x4 Rd. bales Bahia, \$20/1. Quentin Stears, Washington; (337) 826-3807.

Bahia & Alicia sq. bales, has been limed, sprayed & fertilized, \$2.5/1, behind baler; \$3.5/1, in barn. Kevin Mhire, Zachary; (225) 658-8203.

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TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Farmall 806 low clearance diesel trac., \$6500; seed distributor, 3 pt. hitch, \$150. Tim Martinez, Labadieville; (985) 526-4427.

8' Bush Hog brand, 2-way disc, ready to work, \$750. Joey Andrews, DeRidder; (337) 328-8119.

JD 420H trac., w/front-end loader, working cond., \$7000 neg. Jimmy Richard, Opelousas; (337) 948-4609.

JD 450 dozer, canopy, winch, angle blade, 80% undercarriage, good shape, \$12,500; ³/₄ yard Lima dragline, w/extra buckets, \$3500. Sam Ducote, Jr., Bunkie; (318) 346-6371.

Yanmar tractors, 95% restored back to original, 3 cyl. 19 hp & 2 cyl. 28 hp, \$3500/1-up. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

Farmall model 140, runs good, w/row maker & 5' box blade, \$4000. Billy Allen, Jackson; (225) 634-7259.

(2) 530 Case diesel trac., (1) 300 utility IH, dirt scoop, grader blade, 3 pt. ditcher, \$5000/all or trade for Air Stream or Avion of equal value. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

706 Int. trac., 95 hp, w/bush hog, \$4500; Massey 50 trac., \$3000; Case VA trac., 28 hp, \$2000; 18' Case disc, \$1500; 16' cultipacker, \$1500; 15' JD bush hog, \$1800. Shelia Wills, Jennings; (337) 824-5197.

(2) new tires, R2 18.4-38 on 16" rims, worth \$2000, sell, \$1000; single axles, (2) tires & rims, \$200. Bill Barattini, Metairie; (504) 885-8000.

Power unit, 88 hp Isuzu, diesel, \$5500; low hrs., (4) blade levee plow, new blades, Rayne Plane, \$1500. Carrol Gary, Rayne; (337) 334-9030.

JD 3pt. hitch, 5' sickle, \$350. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

NH hay line sq. baler, field ready, \$1500. Don Price, Winnfield; (318) 727-9658.

6' JD model 613 bush hog clipper, 3 pt. hitch, \$500. Greg Lowe, Port Allen; (225) 383-6261 or (225) 938-8058.

Ford 6610 diesel trac., w/new Ezzee-On loader, 72 PTO hp, p/s, 8 spd., \$10,500; Ford 3910 diesel trac., w/new Ezzee-On loader, 8 spd., 43 PTO hp, p/s, \$10,300. E. J. Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

MF 165 diesel trac., 52 PTO, hyd. remotes, \$3200; Yanmar diesel trac., 24 hp, 8 spd., 3 PTO speeds, \$3300; JD 1020 diesel trac., 8 spd., \$3600. Al Ryan, Marksville; (318) 240-7388.

Ford 4000 trac., w/loader, 46 PTO hp, p/s, gas engine, runs well, \$4900; JD 1050, 4 wd, 33 PTO hp, 8 spd., low hours, \$6900. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

Vicon 5' hay cutter, used very little, \$2000. Eugene Baudouin, Hahnville; (985) 783-2229.

1996 Ford 8240 cab/air, 5300 hrs., \$19,500. Cody Goodner, Sulphur; (337) 558-5106.

Bush Hog hay fork, F/E loader, no hoses broken or leaking, but

some need replacing, \$1500. Kenn Miller, Kentwood; (985) 229-3074.

95R, JD combine, fixer upper or parts, w/spare parts, \$300; 6-row rolling cult., w/sweeps for middles, \$500; 6-row crop maker, lay-by plow, w/20" sweeps & spray, \$300, or trade for post hole auger or chisel plow. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

JD 9910, 2-row cotton picker, green top, recent head overhaul, good cond., little rust, \$3500; 6-row cult., fenders & mounted tank for overhead & middle spray, \$300. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

ARPS backhoe, 3 pt. hookup, 10' reach, good cond., \$4600; grader blade, 6', 3 pt. hookup, \$125. Russell Bonnet, Scott; (337) 235-1296.

362 MF, 55 hp, dual hyd. control valve, front tires, 9.5L-15-6 ply, rear 16.9-30-6 ply, tachometer, 667 hrs., like new trac., \$13,500. Robert Stout, DeRidder; (337) 855-3031.

JD 7720 combine, 444 corn header, 222 grain header, one owner, \$12,000, will sell separately; pull type 7' bush hog, \$600. R. Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

Vermeer 504G rd. baler, \$4500. Herb Schouest, Jr., Folsom; (504) 432-6781.

NH 270 sq. baler, old & rough looking, but excel. mechanical cond., makes perfect bales, \$500. Ken Poche, Gonzales; (225) 644-5644.

7' Condar bush hog, \$650; 8' NH HD disc mower, \$1250; IH 484 diesel, w/p/s, \$4895; IH 784 diesel, w/remotes, \$5000; JD 375 rd. baler, w/feeder wh., \$2650; 8N Ford, good trac., \$2495; NH 849 rd. baler, \$1950. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

MF 165, 65 hp, diesel trac., reconditioned, \$6995. Edward Zisk, Pearl River; (985) 863-7909.

Allis Chalmers model 5015 diesel trac., 15 hp at PTO, 3 pt. hitch, 5' Woods finishing mower, 1200 hrs., very good running cond., \$2500. B. Arnold, Raceland; (985) 537-9109.

15C-TS dozer, power shift, completely overhauled, \$17,500; Ingersol Rand SD-40-D sheep foot roller, \$26,000. Carlos Cashio, Prairieville; (225) 673-3186 or (225) 603-4408.

Yellow/wh. hood Int. Cub trac., w/Woods belly mower, \$2300. John Kling, Gonzales; (225) 644-1978.

OMC pecan shaker, 4 wheeled monoboom, scissor head, good cond., \$6500. Mike Montgomery, Bossier City; (318) 746-3740.

Farmall Cub, yellow/wh., rebuilt mower deck, nearly new blades, drawbar, looks good, \$1850. Burel Smith, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3058.

10' Bush Hog brand, heavy-duty, for parts or to be restored, \$500, cash, will load. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

JD 405 trac., w/extra parts, \$2500; 5' bush hog, \$375. Marlon Bell, Jena; (318) 992-4063.

6' PZ hay fluffer, 3 pt. hitch, \$500 obo.; side delivery hay rake, pull type, \$500 obo. Cody Adickes, Jennings; (337) 658-7466.

Cat D5, power shift, full ROPS, just rebuilt, very good cond., \$2500 obo. Shane Delee, Jackson; (225) 634-7335.

1982 JD 2640, 70 hp, rebuilt engine, JD 245 loader, w/JD HD 7' shredder, \$12,800; King cutter, 7' box blade, \$375; fertilizer/spreader, PTO, 3 pt. hitch, 500 lb. cap., brand new, \$350. Leonard Springer, Cade; (337) 280-9763.

Lockwood pecan tree shaker, trac. mount, Cat II self contained w/hyd. tank & pump, \$2000. Al Ducote, Lakeland; (225) 627-4611.

JD 850 diesel, 1500 hrs., excel. cond., \$5800. Mack Saacks, Folsom; (985) 796-5456.

JD dozer, 350 BE, rebuilt engine, steering & brakes, have receipts of work done, (2) fire plows & chopper drum included, \$12,000. Terry Foote, Alexandria; (318) 443-3854.

1988 Int. 682 Cub cadet, 17 hp Kohler engine, 44" mower, uses a little oil, \$400 obo. Jesse Lennon, Branch; (337) 684-2533.

Shelburne Reynolds, 20' stripper header & tracks, \$10,000 or trade. Brian Johnson, St. Landry; (318) 838-2919.

MF 30B industrial trac., w/front-end loader, good cond., \$6200; (3) Vicon hay cutters, 8', (2) leak oil, (1) for parts, \$2000. Sal Mistretta, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-9224 or (504) 559-4390.

Int. 274 diesel trac., bush hog, middle buster, row builder & grader blade, \$8000. Jerry Monier, Raceland; (985) 537-5514.

1988 JD 20/48 hp 45, good working cond., bush hog, 6' Woods, \$11,000/both. Charles Landry, Sunset; (337) 668-4629.

130 NH manure spreader, PTO driven, like new, \$3500; 6530 Ford trac., 1100 hrs., \$11,000; 2210 Iseki trac., 1900 hrs., \$2500. Matt Jeane; Quitman; (318) 395-2740.

NH hay rake, good cond., \$800. Joe Robillard, Morganza; (225) 694-2121.

JD 530 rd. baler, baled this yr., \$5950. Larry Schmidt, DeRidder; (337) 462-3769.

FC250 Kuhn flail hay mower, bar recently reworked, good shape, \$2500; 3 pt. Silage wrapper, \$3500; almost new Silage grabber, \$950; (2) rd. bale carriers, 3 pt., \$240 & \$195. Martin Schmidt, DeRidder; (337) 462-6025.

5-Wheel hay rake, good cond., \$600; 845 NH rd. hay baler, to use for parts, \$400. Tommy Montgomery, Lottie; (225) 637-2787.

Rhino turf flex, 15 ½' finish mower, great for orchards or large yards, \$2800. Dwayne Riche, Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

Int. model "H", not running, for parts or restoring, \$250 obo. Paul Reyenga, Shreveport; (318) 929-3380.

JD 4020, new clutch, (2) remotes, new radiator, new paint, reworked rear end, \$9950; 260 Long, good shape, \$3950. Duane Smith, DeRidder; (337) 462-2374.

2001 Kubota XL40 excavator, \$13,000. Mary Evans, Abbeville; (337) 893-8349.

IH 386 planter, 8-row w/row markers & new rubber tires, sprockets for beans & milo, planted 100 acres this year, \$700. David

Charrier, Monterey; (318) 386-7238. **JD 4640 trac.,** cab/air, quad range, duals, new rubber, front tires foam filled, \$15,000 obo. Toby Berthelot, Addis; (225) 413-5345.

JD 4955 MFWD, 5550 hrs., \$30,000; JD 6000, hi-cycle, green top, 60' boom, foam markers, towing, \$10,000, equipment in excel. cond. Roy Quirk, Bunkie; (318) 346-7535.

1979 JD 2840, w/front-end loader, \$11,500. Monty Gore, St. Amant; (225) 622-3257.

Covington planter, w/fert. box, 1-row, good cond., \$400. John Seal, Franklinton; (985) 839-3941.

Versitile 875 a/c, 4 wd. dual wheels, 3 pt. hitch, good rubber, new center pin, very good cond., \$1700. Tony Arceneaux, Rayne; (337) 783-4753.

4' Bush hog Squealer, w/hard-ened blades, \$425. Tom Barry, Eunice; (337) 457-9544.

9' Harrow, \$175; 6' disc, \$150; 10' Ford roll-bar rake, \$25; hyd. wood splitter, \$225. J.R. Cruikshanks, Folsom; (985) 796-0092.

Vermeer 605G baler, field ready, \$4500. Nelson Richard, Rayne; (337) 334-4138.

Wanted: engine for Super "M" Farmall trac. Mike Morgan, Rayville; (318) 728-3207.

Wanted: starter for 250 AS Belarus trac. Henry Orr, Metairie; (504) 467-5092.

Wanted: junked JD "40" standard wide front trac., for parts. Robert Lemaster, Summit, Miss., (601) 684-4540.

Wanted: 8'-10' pasture aerator/renovator, reasonably priced, w/in 100 miles of Ruston. Robert Parrott. Ruston: (318) 255-8153.

Wanted: 90-150 hp late model JD or Ford trac., w/cab & air needed for use on ranch, will trade Allis Chalmers 7020, 130 hp, good field cond., plus difference or purchase. S. Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Wanted: 7'10" rotary cutter, or larger, for parts. Johnathan Brown, Lafayette; (337) 962-0189.

Wanted: trac. tire, 11-2-38, good cond., or fair cond. Stanford Dominique, Duson; (337) 873-8717.

Wanted: dual PTO assembly to convert a 1586 Int. trac. to 540 PTO. Matthew Givs, Sunset; (337) 662-3637.

Wanted: JD brow hippers on 4x7 bar, w/or w/o row markers. Michael Quebedeaux, Mansura; (318) 964-2451 or (318) 201-3246.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1996 Ford F-250, XLT extended cab, 7.2 turbo diesel, 4x4, 170k miles, runs & looks great, \$12,000, firm. Dwayne Riche, Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

2003 Dodge 3500 QC-SLT, 4 dr, 6 spd., 3:73 RA, ranch hand bush guard & 8'6" dump bed, (2) tool boxes, gooseneck hitch, less than 11,000 miles, lots of extras, \$30,000. Terry Foote, Alexandria; (318) 443-3854.

1997 S-10 Chevy ext. cab, excel.

cond., new tires, timing chain, good truck, new head & alternator, \$3300. Marlin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

(6) 8-lug dually wheels, w/10-ply tires, \$350. Bob Rabalais, Prairieville; (225) 622-4472.

1995 Ford F-250, 4x4, ³/₄-ton, gas, 80,000 miles, good cond., used as second vehicle, \$8000. Robert Marionneaux, Jr., Grosse Tete, (225) 648-3115.

1995 Chevrolet Cheyenne extended cab, V8, 5.0 liter, 74,000 miles, excel. cond., good tires, \$7000. Clifford Courville, Jennings; (337) 824-1447.

1990 GMC 3500, extra cab, 4 spd., a/c, 454 engine, 160,000 miles, runs good, body rough, \$2500 obo. Shane Delee, Jackson; (225) 634-5867.

1982 Dodge LWB pickup, 318 auto, power steering & brakes, pickup cover on bed, \$1575; Ford 1-ton differential, \$200. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

1989 Chevrolet 3500 dually, flatbed, 454 engine, 4 spd. trans., \$2500 obo. Tim Fruge, Clinton; (225) 683-3285.

1984 Ford 250, diesel truck, will run w/work, good parts truck, \$400; 1999 Chevy Suburban 4x4, w/winch, 80,000 miles, excel. cond., loaded, \$14,500. Matt Jeane, Quitman; (318) 395-2740.

1990 GMC 2500 extended cab 4x4 truck, extras, good farm truck, \$4500. Shawn Simon, Jennings; (337) 824-0386.

2002 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255x70-16 tires, 40,000 miles, bedliner & rails, \$14,000. Marlin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

Late model ¾-ton truck rear end, like new, 373 gear ratio, came off Chevy, complete w/ brake drums & cables, \$700; (3) new 16" 8-hole wheels, \$25/1; heavy-duty radiator, \$80. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

1978 Chevy, 6 yard, dump truck, \$2850. Sam Ducote, Jr., Bunkie; (318) 346-6371.

1989 Ford 250, 351 engine, 5 spd. trans., gooseneck hitch & brake box, good tires, runs & drives good, uses no oil, 1-owner, \$2800. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Dump truck wet kit including tank, pump, PTO & control box, \$800. Henry Amato, Independence; (985) 878-6566.

1963 B61 Mack, w/winch & 5th wheel single axle, w/dolly, 107k miles, jam up good cond., \$5500. Homer Lindley, Baton Rouge; (225) 955-6635 or (225) 927-0361.

Wanted: 1992 Dodge, need dash, wiring, steering wheel, gages, for 3500, automatic, Case 1845C, 2 cyl. for dump bucket or Case 1845C, complete, for parts. Daniel Myers, Amite; (985) 748-6773.



Gooseneck grain trailer, 16' hyd. lift, 8-tires, good cond., \$5500; gooseneck cattle trailer, needs some

repairs, \$200. Tommy Montgomery, Lottie; (225) 637-2787.

1955 Chevy 6400 2-ton, w/JD chuck wagon feeder wagon & power take off, live bed, feed outside or back, \$1500 obo. Paul Reyenga, Shreveport; (318) 929-3380.

Oversized trailer, originally built for sweet potato harvesting, ideal for hauling sq. hay bales, bed measures, 10' x 13', \$250. Bruce Donnell, Carencro; (337) 896-8678.

Aluminum 3-horse slant load, insulated, carpeted dressing, rear tack, 5-new tires, beveled edges for strength, excel cond., \$7500. Russ Mixon, Pride; (225) 654-9254.

12' x 6 ½' bed, all steel floor & frame, 4000 lb. axle, 6000 lb. elec. winch, w/pickup poles, \$725. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

24' Gooseneck brand, heavyduty trailer, w/4' dovetail, dual tandem, w/10,000 lb. axles, vacuum over hyd. brakes, \$2500 obo. Tim Fruge, Clinton; (225) 683-3285.

Monark fishing boat trailer, \$650. Carlos Cashio, Prairieville; (225) 673-3186 or (225) 603-4408.

Heavy-duty 22' x 6' lowboy gooseneck trailer, w/ramps, treated wood floor, (2) 6000 lb. axles, \$1800. Joel Carr, Ruston; (318) 255-6279.

2001 Keifer built 3-horse slant, weekend package, 4' shortwall, queen size bed, shower, holding tanks & storage, drop down windows & collapsible rear tack, \$18,500. Candy Robichaux, Raceland; (985) 855-4595.

1974 American grain trailer, white, 40', ready to go cond., \$2500. Wilbur Beard, Melville; (337) 623-5285.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail. \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Shop built welding bed to fit dually, 1-ton truck, 10 built-in tool bars, lots of detail, pollution pan for welder, sandblasted & undercoated when built, used 4 yrs., \$1100. Chris Douget, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6763.

16' Gooseneck horse or cattle trailer, iron floor, w/rubber mats, \$1400. Curtis Maturin, Lafayette; (337) 235-1250.

1996 Featherlite 3-horse slant aluminum trailer, 16', rear tack, excel. cond., sleeping quarters, w/dressing room, a/c, w/h, shower, water tank, storage, awning, \$14,000. Cecilia Blanchard, Pierre Part; (985) 252-6755.

(2) Horse-drawn passenger wagons, carry 20-25, wooden wheels, top, bench each side, lights, sound system, ideal for group, parades, etc., \$2500-\$3500. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

32' Gooseneck Big Tex flatbed, \$4000. Matte Jeane, Quitman; (318) 395-2740.

16'equip. trailer, \$1050. J.R. Cruikshanks, Folsom; (985) 796-0092.

Gooseneck brand horse/wagon trailer, up to 3-horses in front, w/wagon on back, elec. winch, back/side entry, cabinets & bed in nose, 24'x6'8", \$5000. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

30' 10-ton tilt bed gooseneck trailer, made by CF in Alexandria, \$6000. Terry Foote, Alexandria; (318) 443-3854.

5x13 bumper pull stock trailer, single axle, treated floor, swinging rear gate, good lights & tags, \$475. D. Cooley, DeRidder; (337) 328-2277.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Rd. hay bale ring, \$50. Mack Saacks, Folsom; (985) 796-5456.

Lincoln 200SA welder, \$1200; Miller 250 dial arc ac/dc, \$475. Marlon Bell, Jena; (318) 992-4063.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

"Big Horn" blk. parade saddle, 15" seat, lots of silver & tapaderos, matching silver, breast collar, very good cond., \$450; youth saddle w/bridle, good cond., \$140. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$90-\$120/1. Franklin Courvelle, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' rd. pen; \$775, all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5094.

4000-gal. tank, w/spray bar, fits in bobtail dump, \$2850; concrete breaker, fits any backhoe, \$3000; 60" excavator bucket, for JD or Cat, 50,000#+ machines, never used, \$1500 obo. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

Slightly used JD 7-bushel rear bagger, for 355D JD lawnmower, \$400. Bobby McCoy, Amite; (985) 748-7584.

New panels, 8'-16', \$45/1-up; new gates, 4'-16', \$37.5/1-up; 4' walk-through gate, \$59/1; 6' walk-through gate, \$68/1; auto-head gates, \$350/1. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

New Priefert squeeze chute, w/trailer, \$1575; 8' Apache creep feeder, 150 bushel, new, \$1750; hay fork, \$250; hay rings, \$105; hay pick, \$200. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

New & never used equip., English chaps, burgundy-brown leather, \$50; "Best Friend" brand cribbing/grazing muzzle, \$40; deluxe safety halter, \$20, also some assorted used equipment. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, (225) 683-4919.

New galv. corral panels, 5x10, \$40; 40' rd. pen, \$500; 50' rd. pen, \$600; 60' rd. pen, \$700. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

English all purpose saddle, never used, \$175; bridle, imported, \$35. Leanna Meaux, New Orleans; (504) 283-8105.

Horse-drawn sugar mill, \$500; Anvils, 100 lbs., \$200; 200 lbs., \$400. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-4265.

Bodenhamer model 450 squeeze chute, w/wheels & palp

cage, like new, used twice, yellow, cost \$3760, asking, \$3000. Bob Martin, Pineville; (318) 640-5019.

Above ground, horizontal propane tank, 100-gal., \$75. John Guidry, Church Point; (337) 684-3170.

Several hundred 3/4" sucker rods, \$8/1, at farm; \$9/1, delivered. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Show animal pens, made of angle iron & hog panels, approx. 6'x36" each, (6) panels w/o gates, \$35/1; (8) panels, w/gates, \$45/1 or \$500/all. Greg Monier, Vidrine; (337) 363-4000 or (337) 831-

Heartwood comm. band saw, 2way cut, 6" dbl. edged blade, 80 hp Perkins diesel, tandem axles, portable mill, 500 hrs., \$29,500. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale, 71463; (337) 639-2953.

55-Gal. plastic drums, cut in half, makes great planters or water trough, \$15/1; metal drums, \$10/1. John O'Brian, Amite; (985) 748-9467.

Swell saddle, 16" seat, 16" swells, hand made, like new, \$850. Lawrence Fontenot, Reeves; (337) 666-2798.

(50) Used boiler tubes, 10'x2½", good pull posts for elec. fence, \$50; posthole digger, w/6" auger, \$50; 1 3/8" rd. drive shaft. Bruce Donnell, Carencro; (337) 896-

Several hundred pine boards, 2"x10"x10', \$1/1; (100) pieces 3/4" CD x plywood, \$16/1. L. W. Hutchinson, Holden; (985) 878-

500-Gal. diesel tank on skids, w/pump & hose, \$150; blacksmith forge, w/blower, \$150; JD 600 ATV 5-wheeler, for parts only, \$200. Gene Glessner, Vinton; (337) 589-7047

Sawmill, tools & extra blades included, \$5500, w/trade for Airstream or Avion of equal value. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-

Railroad steel cattle guard, 8' x 15', \$500; 175-gal. fiberglass tank, on galv. steel frame, \$100. Tim Martinez, Labadieville; (985) 526-4427.

(200) Sticks of rebar, \$2/1; (2) Thoroughbred saddles, \$90/1; 200gal. liquid feeder, 2-wheeled, \$70. J. R. Cruikshanks, Folsom; (985) 796-0092.

Borelli, made in Argentina, chestnut, 17" hunt seat saddle, all leather, solid tree, padded flaps, leather knee rolls, cinch included, obo. Roxanne Galliano. Jefferson; (504) 734-1878.

(3) Cattle guards, made from oil-field tubing, (1) 2 3/8" tubing, 8x12, \$100; (2) 2 7/8" tubing, (1) 8x12, (1) 8x16, \$150/1; (2) cattle guards made from railroad iron, 8x16, \$400 & \$500. Joseph Clement, Sr., Iota; (337) 779-3394.

Honda 125M 3-wheeler, like new, \$600; Sears 8 hp tiller, \$200. Harry Allan, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8360

10" Delta/Rockwell metal lathe, excel. cond., some tooling, \$1750; 6' box blade, \$300; never installed elec. fan foundation vents, \$75/1. Gregory DeKeyzer, New Iberia; (337) 367-0214.

1000-Gal. propane tank, good cond., sandblasted & painted, \$800. Jeffery Roy, Independence; (985) 878-3561.

Wanted: horse-shoeing equipment, especially anvils. Jerry Salley; Many; (318) 256-6975 or (318) 586-3681.

Wanted: small meat tenderizer, in good shape. Mike Morgan, Rayville; (318) 728-3207.



Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Goat milk soap, handmade, skin soothing, many varieties, all natural ingredients, \$4/5-6 oz. bar. Kathleen Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

Fresh goat milk, \$4/gal. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com or cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, or (225) 658-9293.

(20) Chairs, antique wooden slat schoolhouse-folding type, \$10/1 obo. Betty Robin; Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

20-Gal. cast-iron pot, w/lid, \$409; 18" cast-iron plantation bell, complete, \$60. Henry Smith, Covington; (985) 892-0460.

Plantation bell, 22", \$1200. Lester Fuselier, Eunice; (337) 457-

Wanted: old sugar kettles, any size. Kathy Zumo, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: old cast-iron pots for cooking, must be crack free, prefer unpainted inside & 20-gal. or larger. Jeff Preston, Oldsmar FL; (813)

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Parish Beauregard Fair, DeRidder, will celebrate it's 75th annual fair, Sept. 30 - Oct. 4. There will be a reception on Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Zachary's, located at 418 W. 1st Street, honoring all past queens, kings and their families. Senior Citizen's Day will be Oct. 2, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with food, fun and entertainment for senior citizens. For more info., contact the fair office at (337) 462-3135.

Acadiana Bird Club will host it's 21st bi-annual Cajun Heartland Bird Fair, Sept. 27 & 28, Sat. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Heymann Performing Arts & Convention Center, 1373 South College Rd., Lafayette. Admission is \$2 per person, \$1 for parking and children 5 and under enter free. For more info., visit their Web site at www.acadianbirdclub.com or contact Harold Jacquneaux at (337) 896-3303, for table rental info., contact Grace Vincent at (337) 364-0113 or Gvincent33@hotmail.com.

Cajun Radio Show Live every Saturday night, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in Eunice. Some of the guests will be: The Ville Platte Playboys, Sheryl Cormier & Cajun Sound, Rayford Hebert & the Acadian Aces, Lesa Cormier & the Sundown Playboys. For more info., visit the Eunice site/Liberty schedule at www.eunice-la.com or call (337) 457-7389.

The Laurel Valley Village Fall Heritage Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Laurel Valley Village Store near Thibodaux. Admission is free. The festival features arts and crafts, a Cajun lunch, drinks, homemade sweets, antique tractors, cars, machinery and Civil War Cannoneers. Demonstrations will include woodcarving, chair caning, quilting, cypress shingle making, oil painting and rosary making. The festival will also hold a Cajun costume contest with judging beginning at 2 p.m. for the men's, women's and children's categories. For more info., contact Ruth Gray at (985) 447-9351.

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"You can tell exactly where the nest is when you come along the next day," he said.

Evans' ponds are protected with electrical fencing to keep raccoons away and Evans sounds like he is very familiar with crow eradication procedures.

"We got a shotgun and $7\frac{1}{2}$ shot. The crows will fly down on the pond and get an egg or two, but you can shoot crows just about anytime between sun up and sun down," he says with a grin.

The muddy eggs are whisked via ATV into Evan's incubation barn where they undergo a salmonella cleansing process developed by the late LSU immunologist, Dr. Ron Siebeling.

Eggs are placed in cleansing racks and go through three washing cycles. First, all visible dirt is washed off the eggs. Next, the eggs go through a series of chlorinated soaks and washes. Finally, a vacuum process sucks the antibiotic germ killer through the eggshell, and then the little gold nuggets are placed in incubation boxes, dated and racked in the 80-degree incubation rooms. The little critters hatch in about 60 days.

Evans carefully opens up an incubation box. Some of the tiny turtles appear hatched but Evans points out they are still attached to the egg yolk.

"They consume the egg shell and they survive off of the yolk sack and egg shell," Evans said. "They can stay here in this box until next year without having to do anything."

Most of Concordia Turtle Farm's turtle crop is exported overseas to China where they are grown to food size.

Evans has seen governments in the U.S. and Europe ban the sale of pet turtles but he continues to search for other ways to expand his business. The red-eared slider, one of the most popular varieties, has been banned in Germany, Italy and Spain for environmental and public health reasons.

Evans is raising 22 species in addition to the red-eared slider. He has foreign markets for several of the species and is exploring those markets for others. He also is seeking to expand his U. S. markets for the larger pet turtles, those with a carapace of four inches or more.

Other ideas involve ways to grow and preserve the famous Louisiana alligator snapping turtle as a tourist attraction

Waving his hand toward his ponds, Evans ruminated, "People from all over the world want to come and see what we do. I went to an alligator farm in Natchitoches and there were people from eight different countries in line being charged \$12 a head."

But Evans says he's not necessarily an alligator turtle

"I've eaten them before and they're good, but they will be one of the drawing cards to our tour, the 160-pound

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steady-wins-the-prize is always the "Tortoise and the Hare." It's never the "Turtle and the Hare." Besides, has anyone ever seen a rabbit swim? The turtle would have cleaned the rabbit's clock in a freestyle sprint down the bayou, and there goes your fable.

Terrapin is a curious word with a 17th century Algonquian Indian origin. Many dictionaries identify a terrapin as strictly a North American reptile living mainly in salty, brackish waters along the east coast of North America.

But in the United Kingdom a terrapin is any fresh-water turtle. But that's just the Brits. They also call an automobile trunk a boot and an elevator a lift.

Wikipedia.org, an online encyclopedia, provides a list of the 11 scientific families of turtles. Testudinidae are land tortoises as

well as Gopherus, which are identified as North American tortoises.

Also, Trionychidae, (softshelled); Emydidae, (fresh water); Kinosteron, (mud); Sternotherus, (musk); Staurotypus, (giant musk); Claudius, (narrow-bridged mud); Cheloniidae, (sea); Pleurodira, (side-necked); and Chelydridae, (snappers), are all acknowledged as turtles.

Does that clear it up?

Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

If current expectations are realized, Louisiana rice producers will harvest record yields this fall, according to the USDA's Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service.

Five of the state's major crops are expected to increase yields this year and five are also expected to increase produc-

Rice producers set record yields in 2001 and 2002 when they harvested 5,500 pounds per acre. This year they are expected to harvest 5,600 pounds per acre.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom says rice is one of five major crops in the state that are estimated to increase yields in 2003.

"The numbers released by the statistics service show that our farmers continue to strive for the best results despite alltime low commodity prices and cheap imports," Odom says.

mates for record setting yields in the hav fields. Hav produce estimated at 27.8 million bushels, up 34 percent from last ers are expected to harvest 2.9 tons per acre, up .4 tons from

Other crops that are expected to increase in yield include sugarcane, 30 net tons per acre, up 1.7 net tons from 2002; corn, 125 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from 2002; and sorghum, 82 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2002.

Estimated cotton yield, at 667 pounds per acre, is down 50 pounds per acre from last year, and the soybean yield estimate, at 32 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last year.

Other figures released by LASS indicate probable production increases for five of the state's major crops. Sugarcane production is estimated at 14.7 million net tons, up five percent from last year; cotton production is estimated at 750,000

The August 1 Crop Report issued by LASS also shows estibales, up one percent from last year; soybean production is year; sorghum production is estimated at 13.5 million bushels, up one percent from last year; and hay production is estimated at 1.2 million tons, up three percent from last year.

> Two crops facing decreases in production are rice, forecast at 26 million hundredweight, down 11 percent, and corn, forecast at 60 million bushels, down 12 percent.

> We always want our farmers to perform better than they did the year before, but what is interesting about the information this year is that some of these increases in production and yield are in crops that are expected to see no change or decreases in harvested acreage," Odom says. "Once again Louisiana farmers have learned to adapt during hard times and are making strides under tough circumstances."



COOKERY

Celebrating National Rice Month

Chicken Rice Soup

1 quart chicken broth

1/3 cup uncooked rice

1 cup diced cooked chicken

Salt and pepper to taste

2 teaspoons minced parsley

2 carrots, diced

3 celery stalks, diced

Bring broth to a boil in a large saucepan. Add rice, chicken, carrots, and celery. Simmer uncovered for about 10 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir in parsley and serve. This is a great low calorie meal. Approximately 70 calories per serving.

Spanish Rice

1 can beef broth and 1 can water 1/2 cup chopped green onion

1 tomato, chopped 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon cumin

1 cup rice

Brown 1 cup rice in 3 teaspoons oil. Add broth and water to rice; cover and cook until liquid is absorbed. Add remaining ingredients. Mix and serve.

Savory Rice

1 cup white rice
1 1/2 cupswater
2 chicken bouillon cubes
1/2 red pepper
2 stalks celery
4 green onions
3 slices bacon
1 onion
2 tounce butter
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
Salt and pepper

4 ounces mushrooms

Rinse rice well. Combine in bowl with water, crumbled chicken bouillon cubes, chopped peppers, chopped onions, celery, and sliced mushrooms. Saute' chopped bacon and onions in butter until onion is transparent. Drain and add to bowl with soy sauce and turmeric. Season with salt and pepper. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes, or until tender and rice is fluffy.

Chick-a-saus and Rice

4 boneless chicken breasts, chopped bite sized

1 large link of Italian sausage, chopped bite sized

1 large onion, chopped1 green pepper, chopped

1 tablespoon garlic salt

Dash pepper

1 teaspoon paprika

1 can chicken broth

2 cups parboiled rice

Add small amount of oil to large fry pan. Brown chicken, sausage, onion and green pepper. Add garlic salt, pepper and paprika. Measure chicken broth and add water to make 3 3/4 cups. Pour into frying pan with chicken, bring to boil. Add rice, reduce heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes until rice has absorbed the liquid. Serves 6.

Pork Chop and Rice Bake

4 cups water Vegetable oil 2 cups rice Salt & Pepper

6 pork chops Chopped onions or onion powder

1/2 stick butter or margarine

Cover bottom of large skillet or frying pan with oil. Salt and pepper pork chops and brown over medium heat. Add rice to boiling salted water, cook for 8 –10 minutes. Pour rice and water into a 9 x 13 inch baking dish, season with salt and pepper. Add fresh chopped onions and pork chop drippings into baking dish. Cut butter into thin slices and place evenly over rice. Put pork chops on top of rice mixture. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes.

Easy Rice Pudding

1 cup uncooked rice

4 cups milk

1 (4 serving size) package vanilla pudding mix (cooking kind)

3/4 cups raisins

1 egg, well beaten

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Cool 10 minutes, stirring twice. Pour into dishes and serve warm. Serves 4. (Corrected from September 4 issue)

Cool Cucumber Rice

3 large cucumbers

2 medium tomatoes

1 medium bell pepper (green)

1 bunch green onion

1/2 cup soy sauce (lite or regular)

6 cups cooked rice

Cut cucumbers into small bite-size pieces, then add diced tomatoes, green bell pepper and green onions. Add soy sauce and let set for 20-30 minutes, stirring frequently. Serve over cooked rice. This is delicious served with teriyaki chicken.

Coming Your Way

Church hosts ride

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel off-road trail ride is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in Chataignier.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the chapel grounds. Food and drinks will be available but no ice chests will be allowed on the grounds or on the ride. T-shirts will be sold during the event.

The majority of the ride will take place on field trails with some black top and gravel road travel to be expected.

For more information, contact Lionel Manuel at (337) 885-2991 or the church office at (337) 885-

Cattle sale in Oct.

Kentwood Stockyard LLC will host a special stocker cow sale at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

Nearly 500 head of Braford, Brangus, Holstein-Brahma and cross bred cows will be available. Consignments will be taken until Oct. 12.

Kentwood Stockyard is located at 11518 Hwy. 38.

For more information, contact Rowdy Fitzgerald at (985) 229-8688 or (985) 229-8403.

Livingston holds final horse shows

The Livingston Horse Show Association will host horse shows Oct. 11 and Nov. 1 at the Southpark Arena in Denham Springs. Both shows will begin promptly at 9

These are the final shows for the

For more information, contact DeLois Senez at (225) 664-3150 or JoLynn Allen at (225) 665-0335.

Assoc. hosts sale

The Louisiana Brangus Breeder's Association will host its 7th annual Registered Bull and Commercial Female Sale at 1 p.m., Saturday, October 18 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

About 60 bulls and 150 females will be for sale. All bulls are registered, breeding age and will have scrotal measurements and semen evaluations. The bulls will be graded by 20 commercial cattlemen.

Lunch will be available.

For more information, contact Randy Deshotel at (337) 942-1461, (337) 363-4173, or Ronnie Link at (318) 939-2345, (318) 939-2409.

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News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

North Dakota destroys farmed deer herd

North Dakota and federal authorities have destroyed a herd of approximately 60 farmed, white-tailed deer in Sargent County, because the owner failed to meet state animal health requirements and is unable to account for missing animals.

The action was carried out by personnel from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services and the Sargent County Sheriff's

Southeast District Judge Ronald L. Goodman, Ellendale, had ordered the animals, owned by Todd Thompson, Cogswell, destroyed at the request of the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health.

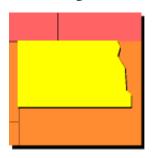
"The owner of the animals has

not complied with animal health regulations and mandatory surveillance requirements," said Dr. Larry Schuler, North Dakota state veterinarian. "The owner has also failed after numerous requests to sub-

mit a complete and accurate inventory of his animals."

Schuler said the owner's records do not account for approximately 30 animals, and the owner cannot determine if the animals died or

"Compliance with the non-traditional livestock regulations, including proper inventory, record-keeping, and notification, protects wildlife resources, the farmed cervid industry, and other



livestock producers," Schuler said. "When regulations are not followed, the entire cervid industry and the health status of the animals of the state are jeopardized."

Cervids include animals such as

deer and elk.

Schuler said that destroying this herd was not an action anyone wanted, especially since the animals constitute a major part of the owner's livelihood, but he said it would have been irresponsible for the State Board of Animal Health to ignore the potential threat, especially since the owner had had ample opportunity to comply with the regulations.

"The destruction of the deer

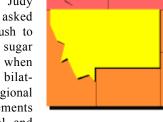
herd was a tremendous loss to the deer industry as well as a financial hardship for the owners," said Shawn Schafer, Turtle Lake, president of the North Dakota Deer Ranchers and representative of the non-traditional livestock industry on the State Board of Animal Health. "I hope that when all of this is behind us, we will have proven that we have a clean industry with strict regulations set in place to protect both the ranched deer industry, as well as the state's wildlife.'

Schuler said the identification of the animals that were destroyed was recorded.

A general post mortem was conducted on the carcasses, which are being tested for chronic wasting disease, tuberculosis and brucellosis. The carcasses were disposed of in an approved landfill.

Mont. governor: take sugar out of trade agreement talks

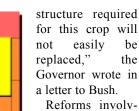
Montana Governor Judy Martz has asked President Bush to exclude imports negotiating bilateral and regional trade agreements with Central and



South American nations.

Sugar beet producers in Montana are very vulnerable if U.S. markets are flooded with below-cost sugar from producing countries that are hungry for U.S. dollars, Martz says. southcentral Growers in Montana recently put their livelihoods on the line by forming a cooperative to purchase and operate the Western Sugar processing plants.

"If increases in the importation of sugar force our domestic industry out of business, the growing and processing infra-



Reforms involving tariffs, subsidies, importation rules, worker pro-

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tections and other trade issues surrounding sugar can best be achieved through global negotiations involving the World Trade Organization rather than through regional trade agreements, Martz said.

President Bush received socalled "fast track" authority in August 2002 to negotiate trade deals that Congress can approve or reject, but cannot modify. Governor Martz' assistance on the issue of sugar imports was requested during recent meetings in Helena with sugar beet producers.

Vermont farm pays fine for mislabeling syrup

Maple Grove Farms of Vermont paid a \$10,000 penalty last month to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets for violating the state's maple labeling laws.

The St. Johnsburybased maple processor was charged with distributing Canadian maple syrup under its "Up Country Naturals of Vermont" brand in such a way that it implied the syrup was Vermont maple syrup.

Assistant Attorney General Mike Duane said the company did not contest the charges and has agreed to remove the mislabeled maple syrup from the retail market.

There was no finding of any intentional wrongdoing on the part of Maple Grove Farms in the matter, Duane said.

"Maple Grove Farms is an important part of Vermont's maple industry and is a leader in the state's growing specialty food industry,"



Agriculture Secretary Steve Kerr. "However, it is essential that Vermont strictly enforce its maple laws in order to protect the high standards that have been set by

Vermont maple producers and which consumers throughout the country, and the world for that matter, have come to expect."

The Canadian maple syrup was sold in bottles on which the words "Up Country Naturals of Vermont" and "Vermont's Own Good For You Foods" were printed on the front label. The words "Product of Canada" appeared on the back label. Under Vermont law, no maple syrup may be labeled as a Vermont product, or labeled in any manner that could imply the maple syrup was produced in Vermont, unless it is 100 percent pure maple syrup and produced entirely within the state of

North Carolina lifts emergency sweet potato weevil quarantine

emergency quarantine established last year in the Sandy Cross of Nash area County, North Carolina, to protect against the potential spread of the sweet



potato weevil was lifted Aug. 1.

The decision to end the quarantine was made following several months of intensive survey and eradication activities implemented by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Plant Industry Division. No weevils

have been detected during the 2003 growing destroy potatoes, affecting their quality and

Lifting the quarantine removes restrictions on the movement of regulated sweet potato materials and other articles from the area.

"North Carolina is the top sweet potato producing state in the country and the sweet potato weevil represents a significant risk to this \$54 million industry," said Gene Cross, administrator of the NCDA&CS Plant Protection Section. "Because the risk to the entire industry is so great, it is essential that we quickly establish a quarantine whenever weevils are

Sweet potato weevils can disfigure and

making them undesirable to buyers.

"This pest spreads easily through the movement of root stock, potatoes, vines or roots in the morning glory family and the best way to limit its spread is to stop the movement of products or materials that could be potentially infested," Cross added.

The quarantine went into effect in October 2002 following the detection of sweet potato weevils in a trap adjacent to a storage warehouse in the Sandy Cross area of Nash County. A one-mile radius quarantine area was immediately implemented around the positive trap and eradication treatments began at affected sites.



Gibsland

Gibsland Farmers Market Assoc. Main Street

Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. until sold out June - Aug. 30

CADDO PARISH

Shreveport

Festival Plaza Farmers Market river front at Festival Plaza Wed. & Sat. 6:30 - 11 a.m. May 31-July 30

Wed. only Aug. 1-31

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles

Lake Charles Farmers Market 317 Pine Street

Sat. 7:30 a.m. - noon

Jan - Dec

EAST BATON ROUGE

<u>PARISH</u>

Baton Rouge

Red Stick Farmers Market #1 On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez Parking Garage

Sat. 7 - 11 a.m. May - Sept. Sat. 8 a.m. - noon Oct. - April Red Stick Farmers Market #2 8470 Goodwood Blvd.

Unitarian Church Parking Lot Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May - July, Sept. - Dec. IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia

Teche Area Farmers Market Iberia St. & Main St. at Bouligny Plaza

Tues. 5 - 8 p.m. until Oct. 27 after Oct. 27, 4 - 7 p.m. Sat. 8 - 11 a.m. mid May - Dec.

LAFAYETTE PARISH

Acadiana Farmers Market 801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St. Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 5 - 10 a.m. Jan. - Dec.

Visit your local farmers market

LAFOURCHE PARISH **Thibodaux**

Thibodaux Main Street Market La. Hwy. 1 & Maronge St. Sat. 7 - 11 a.m.

May - Nov.

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah

Tallulah Farmers Market 408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165 Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8 a.m. - noon

June - Nov. **MOREHOUSE PARISH**

Bastrop

Morehouse Farmers Market 305 East Madison St. Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

June - Dec. **NATCHITOCHES PARISH**

Natchitoches

Cane River Green Market Cane River Bank - downtown Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April - Nov. **ORLEANS PARISH**

New Orleans

Crescent City Farmers Market Locations: #1 - 700 Magazine St. Saturday 8 a.m. - noon Jan. - Dec. #2 - Uptown Square, 200 Broadway

Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jan. - Dec. #3 - American Can Co., 3700

Orleans Ave. Thurs. 3 - 7 p.m.

Jan. - Dec. **OUACHITA PARISH**

Monroe

Monroe Farmers Market 1212 Washington St. Mon. - Sat. 5 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June - Oct.

West Monroe

West Monroe Farmers Market 1700 North 7th St.

Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. ST. CHARLES PARISH

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German Coast Farmers Market 13786 River Rd., Ormond Plantation Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jan. - Dec.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas

St. Landry Farmers Market 952 East Landry St., Hwy. 90 Tues., Thurs. & Sat.

6 a.m. - 11 a.m. mid May - Nov.

ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martinville

St. Martinville Creole Farmers

Evangeline Blvd. & Main St. Sat. 8 - 11:30 a.m.

Jan. - Dec.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Covington

Covington Farmers Market City Hall, 609 North Columbia Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wed. noon - 4 p.m.

Jan. - Dec.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead Community Market 675 Lafitte St. Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond

Cate Square Farmers Market Charles St. & Oak St. Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jan. - Dec. TERREBONNE PARISH

Cajun Farmers Market of Houma - Terrebonne

Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St.

Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Jan. - Dec.

WEST FELICIANA PARISH

St. Francisville

St. Francisville Farmers Market agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn) Wilcox St.

Thurs. 2 - 6 p.m.

April - Dec.

7 - 11 a.m.

WINN PARISH

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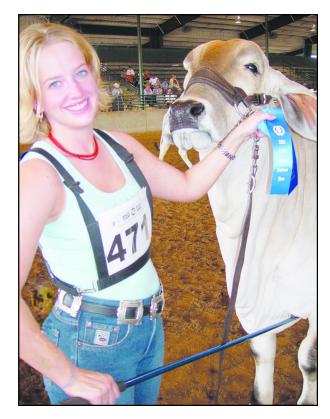
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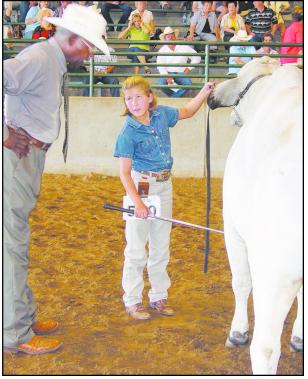
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Nationals give local breeders look at big-time competition





Rachel Williams shows off her blue ribbon with eventual heifer gray winner, Miss V8 (top). Judge Alex Dees converses with Caroline Doucet during judging. Sting Ray, with handler Glenn Cox, was named red Brahman bull grand champion (below).

A Yuma, Arizona, Brahman expert chose Sting Ray as the red National Grand Champion at the American Brahman Breeders Association's national show in Gonzales last month.

rump of Mr. Sting Ray 10/0 and shook the hand of Glenn Cox of Hempstead, Texas, naming the 2800-pound behemoth as grand champion. Sting Ray, owned jointly by Bryant Red Brahmans and Frontline Cattle Company, was chosen from a field of more than 300.

Dees also selected JDH Cassy Manso 293/6 of the J.D. Hudgins Ranch as the gray Brahman national grand cham-

VL Elena 30/1 of the Santa Elena Ranch was judged red heifer grand champion and Miss V8 143/6 of the Double A Ranch was the gray.

The Louisiana Brahman Association hosted the event, billed as the Jambalaya Classic, at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center during the August 19 weekend.

Organizer Don Banks of Alpha Omega Farms in Prairieville said the Louisiana Brahman Association was gratified to bring the event to Gonzales for the first

"We wanted to promote Louisiana," said Banks. Banks' wife, Karen, also one of the organizers, said, "It was great to get this big show from Texas to Louisiana to promote this super facility and provide some good old southern hospitality."

The Banks said competitors from eight states and three foreign countries showed their top Brahmans at the event.

Karen said the judges were looking for "hump placement, stride, depth of body and the most meat to the square inch.

Dees, judging events since 1968, admitted the competition keeps getting better.

"The quality is getting so deep. Instead of five cows they have twenty," Dees said. "When you get that many good

Breeding Judge Alex Dees patted the Brahmans 'is a way of life for my family. The day I was born, there were cows in the trailer at the hospital.'

- Amanda Wright



ones, I have to work the cows a little harder."

Dees' hard work was obvious as he sweated through his cowboy hat. "I've had to bring three hats to Louisiana," he quipped.

Of course, tolerance to heat is one of the reasons the Brahman breed was brought to the southern United States.

The Brahman (Bos indicus) have more highly developed seat glands than their European counterparts and can perspire more freely. A smelly, oily secretion from the breed's sebaceous glands is said to assist in repelling insects.

Having the contest in south Louisiana allowed smaller breeders in the area to participate. One such breeder was Harold Wright and his 19-year-old granddaughter, Amanda, of the Wright Ranch in Amite.

"It was so close so we decided to come to the nationals and we even won a class," said Harold. "That's big time for us to win a class at the nationals."

Amanda and her heifer, Miss Angel, won a blue ribbon.

Amanda said breeding Brahmans is "a way of life for my family. The day I was born, there were cows in the trailer at the hospital."



Amanda Wright soothes her animal before entering the ring (top). Brook Prather, an 11-year-old from Opelousas, is a Brahman Association princess and helped to award the trophies (above).

